

Double Patenting

Claims 12-13, 15-16, 18-21, 32-33, 35-36, and 38-41 stand provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-26 of co-pending application no. 10/723,665 in view of Patent No. 6,601,167 to Gibson et. Al.

The applicant respectfully submits a terminal disclaimer to overcome the provisional rejection. Thus the applicant respectfully requests allowance of Claims 12-13, 15-16, 18-21, 32-33, 35-36, and 38-41.

REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the time taken by the Examiner to review Applicant's present application. This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Official Action mailed June 9, 2006. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of Claims 1-41.

An extension of three (3) months is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 with the appropriate fee attached. While Applicants believe no fee is due with this transmission, if any fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2126 of Garlick Harrison & Markison, LLP.

Respectfully submitted,



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